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In the Specification:

Replace the paragraph beginning on page 3, line 17, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--Unfortunately, conventional cementitious backerboards may be more difficult to score and break to size. Moreover, since the backerboards include a core of cement, their density is considerably greater than even conventional gypsum wallboard. Accordingly, manufacturers may offer the backerboards in smaller sizes to be more readily handled by the installer, but such increases seams between sheets and also increases costs of installation. A typically-sized 4

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Attached is Form PTO-1449 listing several references for consideration in the examination of the above-identified application. A copy of each reference was filed in parent case, application serial No. 09/684,848 on October 6, 2000. It is requested that these references be considered by the Examiner and officially made of record in accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR §1.97 and Section 609 of the MPEP.

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